GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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AERIAL SURVEY OF MINERALS
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the organisations which have been given permission to conduct surveys including aerial survey to find out reserves of gold, diamond, iron, bauxite and other minerals in the country including Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) the date on which the survey reports were received by the Government; and

(c) the details of quantum of reserves of the said minerals found in the country including Chhattisgarh, State-wise and district-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) The details of prior approval granted in last three years till date by Central Government for grant of Reconnaissance Permit for mineral exploration, including through Aerial Survey, is available on the website of Ministry of Mines i.e. www.mines.nic.in.

(b) As per the provisions in Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, holders of reconnaissance permits are required to submit a six monthly report to the State Government. The permit holders are also required to submit a full report of the work done by them in the course of reconnaissance permit in the area covered by the permit to the State Government within three months of the expiry of the permit, or abandonment of the operations or termination of the permit whichever is earlier.

(c) Details of reserves and resources of gold, diamond, iron, bauxite and other minerals in the country is published in the Indian Minerals Yearbook 2006, a copy of which is available in Parliament Library.